

**SUBJECT: Dedicated circuits for add-on bathrooms**

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**INTERPRETATION NUMBER:** ADM – 4.0210.11

**SEE ALSO:** 1999 NEC – Article 210-11(c)(3)

**INTERPRETATION SUMMARY**

This article of the electric code requires that branch circuits serving outlets for bathrooms in dwellings must be dedicated 20 amp circuits. It is the interpretation of this department that this requirement applies to all new bathrooms even those being built in existing construction. The exception to this would be in the case where the existing breaker or fuse box is already full and there is no way to combine circuits to free one for the bathroom.